Validity of laws placed in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution

*4. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the Constitution of India in the wake of recent Supreme Court order which lays down that all laws placed in the Ninth Schedule after 1973 would be open to judicial review;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, in what manner Government propose to resolve the reservation policy of Tamil Nadu Government which has made reservation to the extent of 69 per cent?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The Government is analysing the judgement of the Supreme Court in the matter of I.R. Coelho (Dead) By LRs V. State of Tamil Nadu & Ors. reported in JT 2007 (2) SC 292 and will take appropriate decision in the matter.

Increase in the number of Anganwadis

*5. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has ordered Government to take measures to increase the number of Anganwadis from the present six lakhs to fourteen lakhs in a phased manner by 2008 in order to realize the commitment made in the Common Minimum Programme of UPA Government to universalize the ICDS Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken by Government;

(c) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have failed to implement the earlier orders of the Supreme Court in this regard; and

(d) if so, which are the States lagging behind in implementing the ICDS Scheme and what action is being taken against these States?